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In *grateful* Commemoration of the glorious
VICTORY obtained over the REBELS near
INVERNESS in SCOTLAND,
April 16, 1746.

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By J O H N H O R S E Y.

Barbarorum Claudius agmina

Ferrata vaſto diruit impetu,

Primosque & extremos metendo

Stravit humum, ſine clade victor.

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L O N D O N :

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TO THE
CONGREGATION

Which attends my MINISTRY.

Dear Brethren,

SINCE the ensuing Discourse appears in Print, in Obedience to the repeated Request of several amongst you, I hope it will be equally acceptable in *Reading*, as it *seems* to have been in *Hearing*.

The Providential Occurrence it refers to, calls for liberal Ascriptions of Praise.

Use and prize your Liberty rescued out of the Jaws of Ruin.---What has God wrought for *Britain* ? Let me call upon you, let me call upon *loyal Protestants* in general, to abound in Thankfulness, for the kind Reprieve Heaven has granted us, from Popery and Slavery, from Prisons and Chains, and *torturing Deaths*.---We may well exult, now the lowring Storm is in *some* measure dispersed : But must not our Pleasure submit to some Alloy ? Should we not rejoice with Trembling ? The Campaign in *Flanders* is not yet concluded ; the Designs of the *Loitering* and *Mercenary Dutch*, are yet impenetrable ; the Destination of the *Brest* and *Ferrol* Squadrons is to us uncertain.---Whilst, however, there is Matter for Joy, let us rejoice ; let not the Children of the Bridegroom mourn, whilst the Bridegroom is with them.

You

You will observe this Discourse is built upon an *Evangelical Basis*. Privileges and Mercies are recited as Incentives to Duty ; and I apprehend, human Invention is unable to suggest any Motives which are *more* influential and forcible to a *truly generous* Mind. To what an exalted Pitch should our Joys and Praise advance, if we are blessed with *spiritual* as well as temporal Deliverances ? If freed from the Curse of a broken Law, the Servitude of Satan, the Tyranny and Dominion of our Lusts ; let us praise the Father of all Mercies for his unspeakable Kindness abounding to us through Jesus Christ his Son ; let us love him who hath *first* loved us.

10 May the God of all Grace bless this *well-meant* Discourse, to the Excitement of *National* Gratitude and Obedience.

Finally,

Finally, Brethren, that God may dwell in your Hearts and Houses, preserve your *Civil* and *Religious Liberties*, improve your Gifts and Graces, and bring you at length to that World, where the Wicked cease from Troubling, and the Weary are at Rest ; is the earnest Desire and Prayer of, Sirs,

Your respectful

humble Servant,

Ringwood, May 9,
1746.

J. H.

P. S. Since (thro' the Partiality of Friends) I am exposed to the Censures of the Critical World ; being conscious that I need, I therefore intreat their Candor.

JUDGES v. 2.

*Praise ye the Lord for the avenging
of Israel, when the People willingly
offered themselves.*

AS it is our *Interest* when God's
Judgments are abroad in the
the Earth, to learn Righte-
ousness ; so it is equally our *Duty* when
he crowns our Lives with Loving-kind-
ness and tender Mercy, to acknow-
ledge our Deliverer. If in the midst
of Wrath God remembers Mercy, we
are called upon to sing of Mercy as
well as Judgment. But alas ! tho'
under Affliction we may seek him ear-
ly ; yet where is the Man, who in
Times of Prosperity *suitably* rejoices ?

Altho'

Altho' Ingratitude is one of the principal Ingredients in a justly odious Character, and condemned by the common Consent of Mankind, yet we find its Contagion spreads through the whole of human Nature: *Hezekiah* rendered not again, according to the Benefit done unto him †: Ten Lepers were cleansed, but only *one* returned to give God Glory ‡. Popularity by no means softens or changes its detestable Nature; for

If Communities indulge it, that Indulgence is branded with a Mark of Infamy. *Israel* sang his Praise: They soon forgot his Works ||; in their first Act they represent their religious Complaisance, in the other their Ingratitude. But

Left we (biaſſed by Numbers) should copy after those *ungrateful* Precedents, and rob the Lord of Hosts of that Glory which is his Due, and bury in

† 2 Chron. xxxii. 25. ‡ Luke xvii. 17, 18.

|| Psalm cvi. 12, 13.

Oblivion his *late* Interposition in our Favour ; we propose to point out the Conquerors Duty from the Words first read ; which were occasioned by the signal Victory which *Barak*, at the Head of the *Israelites*, obtained over *Sisera* the Captain of King *Jabin's* Hosts.

This World, once the Seat of Justice, Harmony, and Felicity, is (thro' the *Fall*) become an *ACELDAMA*, or Field of Blood : Nation rises against Nation, and Kingdom against Kingdom. From this melancholy Cause arises a Legion of Evils, *viz.* oppressive Cruelty, horrid Rebellions, and ungenerous Treasons.--Whenever these raise their monstrous Heads, Interest and Duty jointly prompt a People, jealous of their Civil and Religious Liberties, to implore the Assistance of Heaven : This was the first Weapon which the threatned *Israelites* levelled at *Sisera* †. Nevertheless, they durst

† Chap. iv. 3.

not tempt the Holy One of *Israel*, by neglecting the means of Deliverance which Providence put into their Hands; but, on the contrary, they sought and invited the friendly Assistance of their Allies †. Thus they, in Obedience to the Dictates of Nature, supported by Divine Revelation, wisely prepared the Horse against the Day of Battle, tho' they believed that Safety was of the Lord ‡: 'Twas their settled Resolution to look beyond Instruments, determining, whilst some trusted in Chariots, and some in Horses, they would remember the Name of the Lord their God ||. Thus you see, they committed their Way unto the Lord; they trusted also in him: nevertheless their Trials continued till (possibly) many of them stagger'd at the Promise of God thro' Unbelief. Nor is it strange, since, for the Space of twenty Years, *Sisera* mightily oppressed the Children of *Israel* §. It is no *infallible* Proof,

† Ch. iv. 10. ‡ Prov. xxi. 31. || Ps. xx. 7. § Ch. iv. 3.

however, that the humble Addressees of the Distressed are neglected, *merely* because not answered agreeable to Expectation, or because Tribulations abound; for by *terrible* Things in Righteousness, God sometimes answers his People, *tho'* the God of their Salvation †: Their Prayers are graciously heard, *tho'* their Persons are (*for a Season*) awfully scourged. But the Lord will not *always* chide, or retain his *apparent* anger for ever: Nay, he will espouse and make that Cause his own, which for a *Time* wore the Marks of divine Rejection. God, like a *powerful Confederate*, will reveal his Arm in the Vindication of his oppressed Petitioners; he will redress their Grievances, and abundantly recompense their Injuries: Witness the Instance before us. The set Time to favour *Israel* being come (*tho'* the Heathen raged, and the People imagined a vain Thing; *tho'* the Rulers took Counsel together

† Psalm lxxv. 5.

against the Lord, and against his Anointed ; saying, Let us break their Bands afunder, and cast away their Cords from us) he that sitteth in the Heavens laught, the Lord beheld them with Derision †: For he, having the Hearts of all Men in his Hands, inspired his favourite People with a just Resentment, gave them Courage to *attempt* a Deliverance, and Resolution to *accomplish* it. Being equipt from above, the People *willingly* offered themselves to confront their insulting Enemies.---*Barak's* Forces were not a Collection of *Slaves*, *drove* into the Field by the Threats and Cruelty of a Tyrant: No, he had the Honour and Pleasure of commanding an Army of *Volunteers*.---And really their Conduct when engaged, loudly proclaimed the Concurrence of their Hearts with their Spears ; for these *Free-men* dreading the intended *Yoke*, encounter'd their Adversaries with equal *Bravery* and

† Psalm ii. 1, 2, &c.

Success; infomuch that (being disciplined by the Lord of Hosts) *Barak's blunted* Sword triumph'd over the numerous and imperious Forces of *Sisera*.---So *decisive* was the Battle, and so *great* the Slaughter, that he who lately had Thousands at his Command, and therefore said to one *Legion*, Go, and it goeth; to another, Come, and it cometh; now quits his stately Chariot, and, destitute of all Attendants, flies on foot, seeking Protection in *dangerous* Obscurity †. Thus (with respect to *Israel*) *Darkness* was agreeably exchanged for *Light*, *Sorrow* for *Joy*, and *threatned Bondage* for *glorious* and *invaluable Liberty*.---Upon *Israel's* obtaining such a seasonable and important Victory, with how much *Decency* does the inspired Writer introduce the Exhortation, *Praise ye the Lord*?----Man's Propensity to overlook the *principal* Agent (on such like Occasions) shews the Expediency of

† Chap. iv. 15, 20, &c.

pointing out the Object to whom the *highest* Praises are due.

Every Community indulged with a *Revolution* equally defireable with that to which our Text has a Relation, is bound by all the generous Motives of *GRATITUDE*, to ascribe Glory and Honour, Thanksgiving and Praise, to its Heavenly Deliverer ; is excited to make honourable Mention of his Benevolence, to observe all his admirable Providences concurring in the grand Event ; to rejoice in him as a Father, Friend, and Portion ; to devote itself solemnly, seriously, and without Reserve, to his Service ; to make its continual Supplications to him, and repose its Confidence in him, whilst Dangers are presenting from any Quarter whatsoever. In a word, the Redeemed of the Lord are called upon to adore, admire, magnify, and perpetually serve him, who upholdeth their Souls in Life, and preserves their Feet from falling.

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From the Correspondence between *ancient* and *modern* Events, you (possibly) may have anticipated the intended Application: However, be that as it will, from the Sacred History we may discern, that a People highly favoured of Heaven, may, for a Season, be exercised with very grievous Oppressions. How unscriptural then were the late Apprehensions of some *Britons*, who concluded themselves *judicially* forsaken, *merely* because tried with a *temporary* Affliction?---From the foregoing Story we may also perceive, that God hears, and *remarkably* answers the Prayers of the Afflicted. Religious *Fasts* and *solemn Humiliation* are not in vain.---We may learn hence too, that when the Almighty designs Deliverance, Instruments are not wanting to effect it. When *Israel* is to be rescued from *Egyptian* Bondage with an high Hand, and an out-stretch'd Arm, God prepares a *Moses* for the *important* Enterprize.

terprize. If afterwards the *litigious Canaanites* are to be subdued before the favourite People, he raises up a Succession of *Heroes* to preside over, and manage their *Military* Affairs. And give me leave to add, if he has doom'd *Rebellion* to *Death*, he has kindly raised up, and amply qualified *WILLIAM*, to open its Veins and extract its Vitals.---May we not infer likewise from the Premises, that God will *guard* and secure the *Religion* he has *founded*? *Israel's* Religion owed its Existence to the peculiar Care and *Indulgence* of Heaven; for God gave them his Judgments and his Statutes. Well, having thro' his *Kindness* been the *Author*, his *Fidelity* engages and prompts him to be the *Guardian* of their *Religious* Constitution. With how much Confidence and Satisfaction may Protestants leave their Cause in the Hands of its *ancient* Patron?---This Subject further intimates the Obligation resulting from the Reception of

Mercies :

Mercies: Permit me then, *Sirs*, after congratulating you on the joyful Occasion which is fresh upon our Memories, to call upon *GREAT BRITAIN* in general, and this Society in particular, to praise the Lord for *avenging* us on our Enemies. *Ambition*, *Bigotry*, and *Rebellion*, joined hand in hand, with a View to overthrow our *Civil* and *Religious* Liberties, and at the same time *dethrone* our *legal* Sovereign King *GEORGE*. The Rebels, like a swelling Torrent, overflowed the North, and boldly pierced into the very Heart of *England*. The Country *before* them was like the Garden of *Eden*, but *behind* them like a barren Wilderness. The Traces of their Cruelty and Rapine were every where visible. Their daring and intolerable Insolence at length roused the *British* Spirit to such a Degree, that the People *willingly* offered themselves to engage the *insulting* Foe. Upon the Advance of our *English* Vo-
lunteers

lunteers and *Freemen* towards the abject *Slaves* and *Dupes*, they fled. By this Retreat the *British Lion* was indeed for a while evaded, but they soon fell into the Hands of the *Northern Bear*, in whose Empire being assaulted by the *grim Tyrants Hunger* and *Cold*, the *Desperadoes* resolve upon, and offer us Battle. But how *different* the *practical* End or View of the *different* Armies? The *one* strove for *experienced*, and therefore *much-admired LIBERTY*; the *other* for *religious Fetters* and *Civil Bondage*. Thus *variously* prompted, the Forces meet, the thundering Cannon loud proclaims their mutual Indignation; till the Rebels, galled by our successful Fires, fled with Precipitation before our pursuing Troops. Come, view the Fields now drunk with *Rebellious Blood*! How great the Change! The Men that lately trod the Plains with blooming Hopes, or desperate Rage, are now *prostrate, groaning, bleeding, dying*.

The *just* Rewards of *Perjury* and *Rebellion* ! See some ungrateful Wretches abusing the Men, who, touch'd with Generosity, gave them desired Quarter, meeting the Wages of their Baseness. With *pleasing Horror* view the Stragglers falling by our pursuing, and *now* unrelenting Swords. O let us praise the Lord for *thus* avenging *Britain* !

To Thankfulness we are still *further* called, by a Survey of the *Expence* which this seasonable *VICTORY* cost us. True, some (alas ! we think too many) *brave* and *honest* *BRITONS* fell ; *Loyal* and *Rebellious* Blood was mingled, but how great the Disproportion ! Since, according to a modest Calculation, *forty* Victims were offer'd at the Shrine of every *British* *LOYALIST*. Did not our God cover our Soldiers Heads in the Day of Battle ? If our perfidious Enemies are hewn down when flying, shall we have *no* Respect to him, who sometimes en-

ables one to chase a thousand, and two to put ten thousand to Flight? If the *adverse* Balls range *aloft*, rather than graze upon our Lines; if *French* Ingenuity is baffled, and *successless*; if our opening Cannons disclose their awful Contents, spreading Slaughter and Destruction amongst our Foes, must we not own the Benevolence of the great *Engineer* the Lord of Hosts? If invading *Frenchmen*, struck with the Terror of our Arms, surrender, let us bless the Lord who has espoused our Cause, and happily exchanged *Insults* for *Triumph*.---As Praise is doubtless very comely, so it ought to be advanced in proportion to the Calamities we are *freed* from, and the Mercies we are in the *Enjoyment* of.

If none of either Sex, or of any Age, were to be spared, what Reason to abound in Thankfulness for a Deliverance out of their Hands, whose tender Mercies were *intended* Cruelty.--If
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guided *merely* by *mercenary* Motives, methinks our grateful Acknowledgments should be made to God, on the behalf of *KING GEORGE*. We have now a *Protestant PRINCE* upon the Throne, and (if it is the Will of Heaven) may he long sway the Imperial Scepter ! We are blessed with a *King*, who has hitherto made the Laws of the Realm the *invariable* Standard of his *Regal* Conduct ; being *equally* tenacious of the People's Privilege and his own Prerogative. He now sits at the Helm, whose Happiness is to reign in the *Hearts* and *Affections* of his Subjects. We have a *Royal* Father, *freely* exposing his *illustrious* Son to *Toils*, *Hardships*, and *Death* itself, in Defence of his *People's* Interests. Henceforth let all Calumny cease, let all *Protestants* warmly affect King *GEORGE*; and since he is the Minister of God unto them for Good, let them be thankful to that God by whom *Kings* reign, and *Princes* decree Justice. What a

delightful Scene appears, when we behold a numerous Progeny trained up in the View of, and accurately acquainted with, the Maxims of *Civil* and *Religious LIBERTY*? Again, bless the Lord for the Preservation of his Royal Highness WILLIAM DUKE of CUMBERLAND, in the late Engagement. View the *MANLY YOUTH* leading on his Father's Troops! See the *British HERO*, whose Presence of Mind, whose known Generosity, whose valiant Behaviour, reflect a pleasing Lustre upon the *Dignity* of his Birth. Behold him at the first Onset boldly *confronting* his Enemies in the Centre of his Forces! Ye *Protestants*, behold the *British WILLIAM* exposing his Life for *your* Sakes! Follow him, whilst he rides from Troop to Troop, animating his Soldiers by his *Presence, Counsel, and Example*! May we not look on him as our great Deliverer (under God) and at the same time cherish Hopes that
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Providence reserves him to be a *further* Scourge to the *perfidious French*? If so, then let us pay the King of Kings some *suitable* Tribute. As the *General*, so the *Troops* under his Command, acquired *immortal* Reputation: See with what Firmness and Constancy they withstand the *impetuous* Enemy; with what *Dexterity* and *Success* they ply their Arms. *Highland Sword* and *Target* are now no longer Proof against the *English Bayonet*. *Horse* and *Foot* acted their Parts, as if resolved to be henceforth *MEN* of *RENOWN*. Oh then praise the Lord, who taught their Hands to war, and their Fingers to fight. But remember you are not to rest here, for our generous Religion obliges us to render unto *all* their Dues, and therefore Honour to whom Honour; since then the *Protestant* Part of these Kingdoms in general, during our Commotions, have demeaned themselves honourably, let them be *mutually* affectionate and beneficent.

neficient. Should we content ourselves with this *general* Hint, it is possible, we may be wanting in Point of *Gratitude*, to our *deserving* Fellow-Subjects; we shall therefore descend to *Particulars*. How does the *Roll* swell whilst we record the *British* **WORTHIES!** With how much Justice are *GUEST*, *BLAKENEY*, and *AGNEW* commended? *Englishmen* applaud their *Fidelity*, *Bravery*, and *Success*: Nor dare they overlook *LOUDON*, *CAMPELL*, &c. who (free from *Papal* and *Rebellious* Contagion) *willingly* offered themselves to revenge *GREAT BRITAIN's* Wrongs. View this *brief* Catalogue drawn from a *long* Train of *Heroes*. And since Heaven has graced the *Military* Character with *Merit*, let us generously reward it with *grateful Respect*. I cannot (without an *insufferable* Affront both to *God* and *Man*) pass over in *Silence* the remarkable *Harmony* which subsisted between

King GEORGE and his *PARLIAMENT*, during our *National* Distractions ; the *one* requires, the *other* cheerfully grants ; the *one* reminds of Danger, whilst the *other* demonstrates an *unusual* Zeal, ready Obedience, and *unshaken* Loyalty. With thankful Eyes behold, and duly value the *British* *MERCHANTS*, who, *TRUE PATRIOTS* ! retrieved and saved our *threatned*, *sinking*, and *almost expiring* Credit. See the Avenues to *King GEORGE* daily thronged with *Loyal Protestants* of every Denomination, *each* ready to give his Majesty the *strongest* Assurances of his *firm Attachment* to his Person and Government. View the venerable and deserving Clergy, engaging to employ their *Talents* and *Influence*, in quelling Sedition, by exposing *Popery*, and cultivating the Principles of *LIBERTY* and *LOYALTY*. Lo ! the Gentlemen of the *Long Robe* appear, in solemn *Cavalcade*, ready to make a

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Tender to their *Prince of Wealth and Life*. In a word, we may reflect with Pleasure, and *Admiration*, whilst we behold *all* Ranks and Degrees of *Protestants*, both in our *Colonies* abroad, and these *Kingdoms* at Home, concurring in this *common* Resolution, *viz.* to *check Rebellion*, to *maintain the Succession* to this Crown in the *illustrious House of HANOVER*, and *preserve the Protestant Religion* against *Roman Invaders* and *abjured Pretenders*. History may be long ransacked, before a parallel Instance occurs, to that we have *now* before us, wherein *Protestants in general* so *willingly* offered themselves in the Defence of their KING, RELIGION, and LIBERTY. Altho', as possessed of *Humanity*, we compassionate the *slaughter'd* and *inhuman* Creatures (the Effect of *Prayer* and *Valour*) let us be ever mindful of, and thankful for the *signal* Deliverance we now commemorate. Praise ye the Lord, for avenging *Britain*, when the
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People *willingly* offered themselves. And tho' we glory, let us rejoice with Moderation ; and whenever a *public* Thanksgiving shall be celebrated, by *Royal Authority*, let us guard against Excess and Riot, lest by Intemperance and Luxury on that Occasion, we draw down *fresh*, or *heavier Judgments* on our *own* Heads, or *transmit* them to *Posterity*. Certainly I may be chearful as a *Man*, without being drunk like a *Beast*. I am not *obliged* by *Religion*, or the Rules of *Civility*, to shew my *Loyalty* by *reeling Noise* and *Nonsense*, tho' these are (by *some*) esteem'd *almost* reputable on public Occasions.- -With how much *Affection* and *Pity* should we look on our *Fellow-Subjects*, who suffered for their **LOYALTY** and **RELIGION** in the late *horrid* **REBELLION**? How many Families are impoverished by the plundering Miscreants? What Inconveniencies from pinching Hunger? What Hardships from the Inclemency of the Season,

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son have *many* encounter'd, whilst
 driven from their Habitations, they
 took Sanctuary in Caves and Moun-
 tains? Put on then as Men, put on
 as *Englishmen* and *Protestants*, Bowels
 of Compassion towards your Country-
 men. Remember those who have been
 in Bonds, remember the Exiles; shew
 yourselves *ready* to contribute towards
 the Restoration of their Settlement,
 Peace and Comfort, whensoever our
 Superiors shall require your Assistance.
 We have smarted hitherto principally
 by *Sympathy*; let us shew ourselves
worthy Members of the *British Body*,
 by bearing our *Parts* in the Losses sus-
 tained thro' an Attachment to the *British*
Constitution.---And at the same
 Time let us be thankful for the Tran-
 quility of *England*, and our Exemp-
 tion from the Surprize, the Dangers,
 and Injuries, which were so sensibly
 felt in the *North*. What Conspira-
 cies were formed, how great the in-
 visible Ruin that threatned us, Time
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which brings secret Things to Light, may discover. However, this we know, that *our* Persons, *our* Relatives, *our* Religion, *our* Properties were not *secure*, whilst *Rapine*, *Murder*, *Cruelty*, and *Oppression*, were *rampant* in the *extreme* Parts of these Realms. O that we may as much distinguish ourselves by our *Gratitude*, as Heaven has distinguished us by its *Mercies* ! What transporting Pleasures do we feel, what Life is kindled in our Breasts, now we behold the benevolent Answers which Heaven grants to our *Sighs*, *Tears*, and *Prayers* ? How are we elated, whilst our Interviews are sweetned by *mutual Congratulations* ? The Clouds which were Months a gathering, are chased away : The Sun of Righteousness arises with Healing, and Salvation under its Wings. May the auspicious Day in succeeding Years be always welcome to *Britons* ! May its Name be wrote in golden Capitals, that he that runs may read the grateful

Sense we retain of our happy Deliverance ! With Gladness let us meet the returning Morn, when Liberty, *sacred LIBERTY, dawned afresh !* Our LIBERTY, eminently *rescued* out of the Hands of *Antichristian* Tyrants, let us highly prize, and wisely improve. We have now our *Bibles* in our Hands, translated into a Language we understand, which we may peruse without any *Papal* Obstructions : Let us examine their Contents, with Diligence equal to that of the Miner, when he is searching for hid Treasure. We have not the *formidable* Arguments of *Fire* and *Faggot* laid before us, to *convince* us of the Truth of *Popish* Tenets ; each being left to follow the *free* Dictates of his own Conscience. Oh, Sirs, let me beseech you to *stand fast* in that LIBERTY wherewith Christ has made you *free* ; never entertain *indifferent* Thoughts about that *Yoke* of Bondage, which your Fore-fathers found *too* heavy for them to bear.

As an *Antidote* against *Supineness*, and *Indolence* of *this* Sort, survey the *bloody, monstrous, treacherous, unnatural, and absurd* Principles of Popery : A Scheme, (a Religion I can scarce call it) calculated to *overthrow* *Civil* Society, and to *extirpate* all true Religion from the World. View it with Abhorrence, and use your utmost Endeavours to make it truly *hateful* in your *respective* Families, and throughout the *Nation*. Prudently instil the Principles of LIBERTY and HUMANITY into the *uncultivated and tender* Minds of Children and Servants, that they may not become an *easy* Prey to seducing *Papists*. From which Practice your *Dependants* will not only reap unspeakable Advantages, but *you yourselves* deserve the Character of *loyal* Subjects, *real* Patriots, *sincere* Protestants, and *grateful* Professors. By using our Privileges thus discreetly and wisely, we shall have *growing* Occasion to thank
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Heaven for our late Victory.---Again, let us guard against *criminal* Security, let us always exercise a proper *Jealousy* towards *Papists*, who are frequently most *fair* and *beautiful without*, when they have the *blackest* Designs lodged within. Let us be always ready (agreeable to our *late Resolution*) to go into the Field in behalf of a *Protestant* King against any *Romish* Conspirators. Let the *Arms* we lately purchased with that *laudable* Intent (if *necessary*) be *always* in Readiness upon any *Emergency* of *that* Sort. We have Reason to suspect *Popish* Plots, and desperate Attempts are not *entirely* extinguished. But Thanks be to Heaven for the *Prospects* of a *seasonable* Check, whensoever their Efforts may be renewed. What a pleasant Emotion did we feel, when this Society, this Town, this County, when the various Counties in *ENGLAND* *associated*, in order to raise *independent* Regiments against the *common* Enemy?

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Were any Protestants undetermined at the late *Crisis*, *halting* between our *legal* KING and an *invading* PRE-TENDER, let them, in order to establish their Judgments, make the Tour of *France*, where *Poverty*, *Slavery*, and *Discontent* among the *Subjects* (the *blessed* Fruits of *Arbitrary Power* and *Ecclesiastical Tyranny*) may convince them of their present preferable Situation; and read them a Lecture, which shall silence their Clamours, and teach them to acquiesce in the mild and *reputable* Government of King *George*. As Praise should ascend for Mercies received, so likewise should our daily Prayers for further Successes. Let us surround the Throne of Grace with our *warm* Supplications, that the late Indulgence may be the *Fore-runner* or *first Fruits* of a *plentiful* Harvest. With what Ardor should we sollicit the *Continuance* of the divine Favour? With what Constancy and Affection should we embrace re-

turning Sabbaths and *unadulterated* Ordinances ? And since all Blessings are conveyed to us on the Account of, and thro' the Mediation of Jesus Christ, let us prize him as God's Ordinance for Salvation, who ever lives to make Intercession for his People. In fine, since God has kindly delivered us out of the Hands of our Enemies, let us serve him without Fear, in Holiness and Righteousness before him all the Days of our Lives. *Amen.*

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